

**Minutes: Regular Vestry Meeting – November 28, 2006**

This meeting was called to order by Rev. Lawrence at 7:38pm. A quorum was present. Excused: L. Benjamin, M. Keene, J. Nykamp. Also attending: Rev. Patricia Moore. Members spent time sharing personal concerns and blessings they brought to the meeting.

2007 budget. A preliminary budget for 2007 was prepared by Senior Warden Jennifer Foster, Treasurer John Nykamp, and Rev. Lawrence. Considerable discussion ensued on certain line items and on the overall impact of projected income and expenses as we move into the new budget year. The stewardship committee has made a very preliminary forecast of \$455,000 from pledges in 2007; this compares to \$482,000 anticipated from pledges in 2006.

The budget preparation committee will continue to clarify and refine the plan and discuss at the next vestry meeting. The Personnel Committee will review budget-related matters and provide recommendations to Rev. Lawrence for further planning and budget consideration.

Consent Agenda items were approved. [M-Wiuff, 2-Guilford, Unan.]

- Provide seminary support of \$1,200. Rev. Lawrence and Rev. Patricia Moore will each designate a seminary for a \$600 contribution.
- Recommendation of the Outreach Commission, total \$4,500, as follows:

*Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance.* \$500, to further the work of this group of religious organizations in resource-poor countries, as they provide small grants to community based HIV prevention and care.

*Meals on Wheels kitchen construction.* \$2,000 toward their \$3.5million campaign. This new kitchen will prepare 3,000 meals each day for homebound seniors, and more cost-effectively produce meals for other social agencies.

*Episcopal Diocese of Honduras (our Companion Diocese).* \$1,500; a specific grant to the operating expenses of 'Amiguitos de Jesus,' the elementary school and day care center of La Epifania Episcopal Church in Villanueva, Honduras.

*Supplies for needy and homeless persons.* \$500. Incarnation youth want to again this year assemble bags of snacks and socks to be distributed through parishioners to individual needy persons. Additionally, our youth want to again purchase and assemble food and clothing in backpacks to be given to homeless clients of our Monte Rio mission's feeding program.

The report of the Finance Committee and the financial statements through October were distributed to members. Time did not allow a review; approval of the October financial statements will be on the vestry's next meeting agenda.

Jennifer advised that in our offer to purchase the vacant lot at the corner of Cherry Street and Mendocino Avenue, the sellers' attorney is nearing completion of his review, and Jennifer will consult with Bill Fritz on some specific legal language being discussed. A full progress report will be provided to the vestry shortly.

The Welcoming Commission asked vestry members to consider the idea of having a neighborhood block party on our campus. This could be done in many forms, including partnering with the Cherry Street Historical Committee. The event's goal would be to give our neighbors a better understanding of our ministries and our people, with the hope that some neighbors may begin to attend. The concept will be reviewed and discussed at a future vestry meeting.

Preparing to take action as the parish Nominating Committee at its next regular meeting, the vestry appointed three members to an ad hoc committee to prepare a preliminary roster of qualified candidates for vacancies on the vestry. This ad hoc committee is comprised of outgoing vestry members Jennifer Foster, Sharon Landon, and Donna Wiuff.

New vestry members and delegates to convention will be elected by written ballot at our parish's annual meeting, to be held Sunday, January 28, 2007.

The vestry's December meeting has been re-scheduled to 7:30pm on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm. [M-Fritz, 2-Mink, Unan.]

Prepared November 29, 2006 by Michael Hickey, Clerk.

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